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SUBJECT: GOT REQUESTS EXPLANATION OF NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON
FURTHER US MEDIATION IN CYPRUS

1. MFA CYPRUS-GREEK DIRECTOR GUVENDIREN ASKED
EMBOFF TO COME TO HIS OFFICE MORNING JUNE 8. GUVENDIREN
SAID GOT WAS VERY CONCERNED OVER A NEW YORK TIMES STORY
PUBLISHED JUNE 7 WHICH QUOTED AN UNNAMED HIGH-RANKING U.S.
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ON THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER MEDIATION
EFFORTS IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. AFTER READING A REPORT
FROM THE TURKISH EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON OF THE NEW YORK
TIMES STORY (SEE BELOW),
GUVENDIREN SAID, "THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE AN
EXPLANATION FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT."

2. GUVENDIREN READ ALOUD HIS OWN RE-TRANSLATION INTO
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ENGLISH OF THE TURKISH EMBASSY'S TURKISH TRANSLATION OF THE
NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE. HIS TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE
ACCORDING TO A HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL,
U.S. MEDIATORS SO FAR HAVE FOUND THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT
WEAK. ALTHOUGH FINAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ARE NOT YET KNOWN,
THEY BELIEVE THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MORE POWERFUL

THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE.

MR. CLIFFORD WILL MAKE A NEW TRIP TO THE AREA. THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CONSIDERS HIS TERMS OF REFERENCE AS REQUIRING HIM TO CONTINUE HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS UNTIL A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS FOUND.

THE SOURCE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GREEKS HAVE IN VARIOUS WAYS EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO REACH A COMPROMISE. THE TURKS HAVE AGAIN EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO ACCEPT A MINORITY STATUS BY POINTING OUT THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF PARTITIONING THE ISLAND OR OF ANNEXING THE NORTH OF THE ISLAND TO TURKEY.

CONTINUING, THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT SO FAR ENTERED DEEPLY INTO THE QUESTION OF CONCESSIONS BECAUSE IT HAS FELT THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THAT THE U.S. VIEWS AS ELEMENTS OF CONCESSION AN EXCHANGE IN WHICH, BALANCED AGAINST THE RETURN OF SOME REFUGEES, SECURE MINORITY STATUS WOULD BE GRANTED TO THE TURKISH MINORITY AND THE MINORITY WOULD GAIN LEGITIMATION.
END QUOTE.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THE ABOVE TURKISH VERSION OF THE TEXT IS ACCURATE (WE HAVE ASKED FOR THE TEXT VIA USIS CHANNELS), IT IS OBVIOUSLY THE MISUSE OF THE PHRASE "MINORITY STATUS" THAT IS THE BASIC CAUSE OF
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THE MFA REACTION. ("MINORITY STATUS" TO THE TURKS SUGGESTS FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE WORKED OUT TO PROTECT THE GREEK MINORITY IN ISTANBUL, AND THIS, OF COURSE, IS A FAR CRY FROM THE BI-ZONAL STATE WHICH THE GOT HAS ADVOCATED SINCE 1974).

4. THE EMBASSY AT THIS POINT IS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT OF THE STORY, BUT GIVEN THE SENSITIVITIES HERE ON ANYTHING TO DO WITH CYPRUS, TURKISH CONCESSIONS, AND THE POSITION OF TURKS ON THE ISLAND, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WANT TO PASS ON TO US FOR USE WITH GUVENDIREN AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

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